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SUBJECT: VOLSPKR ROBERT BAUER

1. DR. ROBERT BAUER'S OFFICIAL TWO-DAY PROGRAM OF DISCUSSIONS WITH ROMANIAN POLITICAL SCIENTISTS AND ECONOMISTS CONCLUDED OCTOBER 16 AND IS JUDGED BY US TO HAVE BEEN AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO OUR ECONOMIC INFORMATION ACTIVITIES. DR. BAUER DISPLAYED AN UNCANNY ABILITY TO MAKE PERSUASIVE PRESENTATIONS OF U.S. FOREIGN POLICY POSITIONS IN HIS TALKS WITH ROMANIANS, PARTICULARLY REGARDING SECRETARY KISSINGER'S SEPTEMBER UN SPEECH AND THE U.S. VIEW OF THE "NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER."

2. DR. BAUER LED TWO ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS DURING HIS VISIT, ONE AT THE AMERICAN LIBRARY AND THE OTHER AT THE ACADEMY OF ECONOMIC STUDIES. HIS TOPIC FOR BOTH WAS "FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO THE FORMULATION OF U.S. FOREIGN ECONOMIC POLICY," BUT IN THE QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSIONS HE WAS ABLE TO GIVE SPECIAL EMPHASIS TO THE U.S. VIEW OF THE CURRENT GLOBAL ECONOMIC SITUATION. THE EFFECT ON ROMANIANS WAS NO LESS THAN CONSCIOUSNESS-RAISING, SINCE THEIR MEDIA HAVE PLAYED UP THE "NEO" BUT HAVE GIVEN LITTLE TREATMENT TO AMERICAN INITIATIVES AT THE UN IN THIS RESPECT. RARELY HAVE POST OFFICERS SEEN

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ROMANIAN AUDIENCES SO INTERESTED IN THE SUBSTANCE OF AN

AMERICAN LIBRARY CULTURAL PROGRAM, OR AS CAPTIVATED BY AN AMERICAN SPEAKER.

3. DR. BAUER ALSO MET WITH OFFICIALS OF THE STEFAN GHEORGHIU ACADEMY, THE TRAINING CENTER FOR ROMANIAN COMMUNIST PARTY CARES, AND WAS THE GUEST OF HONOR AT THREE REPRESENTATIONAL FUNCTIONS, HOSTED BY THE DCM, THE PAO AND THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR. HISN THOROUGH KNOWLEDGE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND INGRATIATING GOOD HUMOR CLEARLY IMPRESSED THE PARTY ACTIVISTS, POLITICAL SCIENTISTS, JOURNALISTS AND WRITERS WITH WHOM HE MET AT STEFAN GHEORGHIU AND AT THESE SOCIAL FUNCTIONS.

4. WE ENTHUSIASTICALLY RECOMMEND DR. BAUER TO ALL OTHER USIS POSTS FOR PROGRAMMING. HIS FAMILIARITY WITH USIS WORK, WIDE-RANGING INTELLECT AND ACADEMIC SPECIALITY MADE HIS PROGRAMS HERE AN UNQUALIFIED SUCCESS.

5. FULL AIRGRAM REPORT FOLLOWS.

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